

Wedding Bells

Johnson—Johnson

This is a belated bit of news, but we only learned about it recently. Arden Johnson of Minneapolis, and Darlene Johnson from Huron, S.D., both square and folk dance leaders, were married at the Central Lutheran church of Minneapolis on Dec. 31, 1953. Arden is known to a great many VILTIS readers and all wish him all the good fortune the world can offer.

Honoroff—Waterman

Russ and Violet chose the ideal time for marriage, during the Statewide Folkdance festival of Long Beach, Cal., May 28th. For folk dancers this is a propitious time, it inaugurated a life-time of Happy Dancing. Mazal Tov, un zol zayn mit glick.

Davis—Sanella

Ted Sanella, noted and well loved leader of the folk dance in the Boston area, was married to Jean Davis on June 12th in Welles, Mass. Happy dancing for ever after.

Srubas—Voidat

Richard Voidat, son of a prominent Lithuanian business family, and beauteous Ruta Srubas, a blond nurse and ATEITIS dancer for many years, were united in wedlock on June 26th at Chicago's Lithuanian St. George's church. Ruth was VILTIS cover gal on several occasion, last time as recent as this past Christmas issue. Ilgiausiu ir Laimingiausiu Metu!

Perrin—Graham

Omega Perrin, the charming and ever friendly ex-Miss of Yuba City, Cal., was married to Robert Graham on July 25th. Soon after they came to the Stockton Camp to initiate a married life of happy dancing. Good wishes from us and all to both of you.

Fredine—Kurkowski

Joanne Fredine and Richard Kurkowski are both second generation folk dancers, the first Scandinavian, the latter Polish, belonging to their respective groups as well as to an international folk dance group. The parents of both are active participants in the folk dance fields of the Twin-Cities St. Paul and Minneapolis. Best wishes and happy dancing for ever after. The wedding took place on September 18th.

Hummel—Parkhurst

Two popular Seattle folk dancers were married on the 24th of September at the First Baptist Church, Viola Kathleen Hummel and Robert Daren Parkhurst. Along with their many friends, we too, join to say: "Happy Dancing For Ever After!"

Scanlan—Moffitt

Marian K. Scanlan, the charming ex-president of the San Diego folk dancers, was wed to Andrew L. Moffitt, fresh out with a teachers degree, on August 21 at Grace Lutheran Church, San Diego. Happy Dancing galore!

New Arrivals

Audra Ona Grinius

A big-little girl (9 lbs) was dropped by the stork right over the home of Nijolė ir Liūtas Grinius of Chicago. Liūtas is the son of a Lithuanian President when that land was a free Republic. The family suffered expulsion and hardships during the German occupation when the father, Dr.

Kazys Grinius, strenuously protested the slaughter of the Lithuanian Jews. Liūtas was a member of the ATEITIS folk dance group, was graduated as an engineer in Chicago and held an important position in South Bend, Ind. when Uncle San decided to make use of him. Liūtas is now stationed in Aberdeen, Md. To proud Pa, Ma and Grandma we send our felicitations for Ilgiausiu Metu of joy and happiness.

Dodi Eve Levin

Arrived to Sue and Sid Portland, Ore. With Ma and Pa active folk dancers there will be years of happy dancing to Dodi (Heb. My Beloved). She danced into this world on August 22. Mazal Tov!

John Zounes

was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zounes of Chula Vista, Cal., on August 13th. The Zounes family are active in the Lithuanian Club of San Diego and Peter runs a successful Wiener manufacturing concern. Our felicitations to the family.

Michael Joseph Perrault

The Joseph Perraults, important wheels with the Sundown folk dance group of Minneapolis, added a new dancer to the family on August 23. He weighed all of 2 pounds and 15 oz. but the tyke is doing well. Two older sisters are already in the folk dance movement. Bon Chance!

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NEW BOOKS

FOLLOW THE LEADER. By Olga Kulbitsky and Frank L. Kaltman. 1159 Broad St., Newark 5, N. J. 13 pages, 35c.

This booklet contains descriptions for six kolos (Seljancica, Nebesko, Rumunjsko, Sarajevka, Pleskavac, Milica), a Greek Kalamatianos, the Israeli Mayim, and the Hora Hiney Lo Yanum (with the order of steps reversed between figures I and II). Clear, handy and you can't go wrong for 35 cents.

Lithuanian Narrative Folksongs. By Jonas Balys. Published by Draugas Press, 2334 S. Oakley Ave., Chicago 8, Ill. 134 pp. \$3.50.

Dr. Jonas Balys is one of the most distinguished and experienced researcher and collector of the Lithuanian folklore and song. This book (in English) is a scholarly compilation and classification of the Lithuanian folk song and told in narration. It is like reading short-short stories, covering diverse subjects: Youth, love, family, cruelty, death, mythology, hunting, plants, animals, etc. Very easy reading. A complete bibliography on this subject is included.

CROSSES by Vincas Ramonas. Translated by Milton Stark. Published by Lithuanian Days, 9204 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 3, Calif., 330 pp. \$4.00.

Crosses is the first Lithuanian novel to be translated in English. Mr. Milton Stark, a lad from Santa Monica, did an excellent job.

Crosses is a story that was lived by thousands of men and women in the period beginning about 1940 in Europe, when two tyrants, the Nazis and Bolsheviks, conspired to destroy and absorb the territory and people lying between them. It is a stirring book of political conflicts and human passions, of tender love, of ruthless attack on religion, of pious devotion and villainous confession, and folk lore, as told by the master of Lithuanian letters, Vincas Ramonas.



Madeline Sericevich of Chicago in one of the many types of costumes in South Serbia. This costume is 200 years old. Because of the great amount of handicraft involved in making of costumes they are handed down from generation to generation. The dress and shirt are of heavy linen. The entire chest part of the shirt is heavily embroidered as is the hem part of the dress. The apron is also hand loomed. At the shirt junction she wears a fancily woven belt (pašus). The sleeves of the shirt reach about midway between the elbow and hand and two thirds of the sleeve is heavily embroidered. Her jacket, or, coat, is sleeveless, three quarter length and of coarse linen, slit on the sides and cut so that the bottom bells out. The front and edges are embroidered and trimmed with a fuzzy braid as if imitating fur. The torba (bag) which Madeline wears over her shoulder is a common sight in the streets. It is a fancy home woven shopping bag. Photo by RAY STUDIO

HERMAN-PAGE-FARWELL TOUR CALLED OFF

The Michael Herman and associates' trip to Japan which was to have taken place during September, due to some unforeseen complications, was cancelled. We regret for their sake that this occurred, but we are confident that the occasion will arise again and an even better time will be had. There are still many years ahead.

Requiescat in Pace

NOTED FOLKLORIST AND EDUCATOR DIES

Death claimed the life of Vincas Krėvė-Mickevičius, 71, of an heart ailment. Vincas Krėvė collected many Lithuanian folk tales and wrote number of books. His "Dainavos Šalies Senų Žmonių Padavimai" are gems of great beauty. He was Foreign Minister of Lithuania during the tragic invasion period of 1940 (June-August), and was ousted for protesting the Russian seizure of that unfortunate country. In 1944 he fled Lithuania and settled in the U.S.A. He taught Russian at the University of Penn. Death took place at Marple, Penna, on July 7th.

James Seacrest

Death terminated months of painful illness for Mr. James Seacrest, father of Mrs. Rickey (Mart) Holden (American Squares), on August 31st, in Arden, Del. Our condolence is extended to the grieving family and rest of peace be his.

Walter Danko

VILTIS was grieved to learn of the sudden death of Walter Danko, one of the most inspiring moving spirits among the Ukrainian Youth in America. He died at the youthful age of 26 in Bayonne, N. J., leaving behind a wife and son. Walter Danko was the director of the Ukrainian Youth League of America, a person of great vitality, inspiration and well loved. He wrote the article on the Ukrainian Youth League in the last VILTIS issue. He took an active part in the recent Ukrainian Youth convention held during Labor Day in Chicago. We extend our profoundest regrets to the organization.

Major M. J. Pickering

Many who have been attending the National Folk Festivals will regret to learn of the sudden death of heart failure of the "Major" as he was affectionately called by all. He was the business manager and arch wheel of the festivals. He passed away during the first week of September, in St. Louis. Condolence is extended to Mrs. Pickering.

CONDOLENCE IS EXTENDED

To Hypathia Shabanas

Upon the death of her mother in Chicago on August 18th. Burial took place in Dayton, Ohio. Hypathia and her mother, of blessed memory, were friends of VILTIS for many years. Amžina Atilsi.

To The Giedraitis Families

Death struck once again in the midst of the Giedraitis group with passing of the mother during the month of August. It was but a month earlier that one of the sons, Edward, died at the age of 38. The Giedraitis'es are well known in the Chicago Lithuanian colony as several of its members are active in the musical and church activities. Amžina Atilsi.

To Lillian Orzoff-Glick

Upon the death of her mother during the first week of September, in Chicago. Lil and Ira are both active in the educational and youth activity fields, and well-wishing friends of the editor and VILTIS. Aleha Hashalom.